

fun, delicious, and makes the community come alive in support of our local growers and makers.

From here in D.C., I can easily recall the smell of green chile roasting in the fall, the crisp apples turned into cider, the fresh snap peas in the spring, and ah, the unforgettable taste of that first full big juicy tomato in the summer. Then there are those beautiful flowers, first as seedlings in the spring, and then as bouquets of sunflowers or garlands of marigolds to be used for Dia de Los Muertos in November.

The market brings to life not only our senses of smell, taste, and vision, but we are often serenaded as we parade through the vendors with marimbas or violins.

I am proud to have the Santa Fe Farmers' Market Institute in my congressional district. Congratulations on two decades of serving farmers, ranchers, families, and the entire community with such bountiful products.

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HONORING EBISMENIA HASSELE  
FOR CARIBBEAN HERITAGE  
MONTH

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**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 24, 2022*

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Ebismenia Hassele is a professional Latino woman who obtained her master's degree in criminal justice and police science. This led to her work for the New York City Police Department and to currently volunteer for the Polk County Sheriff's office.

Ms. Hassele is a member of Lion Club in Auburndale, Florida. Previously, she was the president of the association for Inwood Community, Inc. for 11 years.

Ms. Hassele established a festival of unity—the Multicultural Unity Festival—within a community that was divided. The event was co-ordinated with the help of the Polk County Sheriff's Office, the fire department, and several county commissioners and brought the community and law enforcement together.

The event is held every other month. Many members and residents of Inwood bring home-made food to a segment of the event known as "Cop's Night Out."

Ms. Hassele has also organized a black-tie fundraising event with the help of Lieutenant Navarro as well as several health fairs and yard sales to help educate and give back to the Central Florida community.

Throughout the years, Ms. Hassele has assisted with free food distribution and put much of her focus on the needs of elders in her community to help bridge gaps in ages and move her community forward.

Ms. Hassele's community is one of three certified as a Green Dot Agent community, which use a curriculum to help those who have been victims of any type of violence. They work together to stop apathy and inspire the community to reconnect with the renewed possibility that violence is not inevitable.

Ms. Hassele draws her indomitable strength from her family, chiefly her three supportive daughters, Jessica, Love and Candy; three grandchildren; and her late husband, Guy R. Hassele, who was a disabled veteran.

HONORING MONICA MORREY

**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 24, 2022*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Monica Morrey. Monica Morrey is an exceptional woman who won the award for Emerging Leader from the YWCA St. Joseph Awards Program.

Monica has dedicated herself to advocacy and service to others. While in college, she worked at a crisis hotline serving survivors of domestic violence. Since then, she has dedicated herself continually to advocate for victims of crime, especially domestic abuse. She has worked for Legal Aid of Western Missouri assisting victims of domestic violence and acquiring orders of protection for them. Her dedication to these victims and their defense is extraordinary and commendable.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in thanking and congratulating Monica for winning the Emerging Leader award as well as her excellence in serving the people of the Sixth Congressional District. I am proud to represent Monica Morrey in the United States House of Representatives.

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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF  
RALPH GROENER

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**HON. KURT SCHRADER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 24, 2022*

Mr. SCHRADER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life of Ralph Groener. Ralph served Oregonians as a Clackamas County Commissioner, state legislator and was a leader in Oregon's labor movement with AFSCME, helping make Oregon one of the most union states in the country.

Ralph was a Christmas baby, born Dec. 25, 1941, to George and Mary Groener in Oregon City, Oregon. He attended local schools and graduated from West Linn High School in 1960. He spent four years in the U.S. Air Force and was awarded the Airman's medal for heroism.

In 1965 he married Sharon Rich, of Oregon City. Initially attending Portland Community College, they moved to Eugene where Ralph attended and graduated from the University of Oregon. While in college, Ralph worked part-time at a local Safeway, and became a member of the retail clerk's union. Upon graduation in 1969 he worked as a community organizer for the war on poverty, taking his first steps on a lifelong pathway fighting for the underprivileged and working families.

Ralph was elected to the state legislature in 1972, where he served two terms in the Oregon House of Representatives. In 1973 Ralph was an original co-sponsor of the first Gay Rights Legislation to be introduced in the nation. He was also instrumental in the passage of SB 100, Oregon's landmark land conservation legislation, as the bill's carrier on the House Floor. Ralph was then elected to the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners, where he served tirelessly for eight years advocating for children and senior citizens.

In 1990 Ralph found his way back to the Capitol, where he served as a political coordinator and lobbyist for AFSCME for nearly three decades. One of Ralph's favorite bible passages was Matthew 25:40—Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of Mine, you did it for Me. It is not hard to see this principle guided him for over three decades fighting on behalf of working Oregonians.

Ralph was a force of nature. He loved to talk. He could out-talk anyone, anytime, anywhere. A familiar sight and sound roaming the halls of the state capitol, he was rarely without his trademark smile or partner Mary Botkin. His son, Chris shared with me that he used to say—keep your chin up and never let them see you sweat. I never saw Ralph without his chin up. Ralph retired from AFSCME in 2018.

Ralph's career was filled with dozens of awards and accomplishments:

United States Air Force Airman's Medal, 1963; Oregon State Sheriffs Association Award of Valor—Three-time recipient; Outstanding Youth Leader of Clackamas County, 1972; Distinguished Service Award from the American Association of Retired Persons, 1972; One of the Outstanding Young Men of America, 1973 and 1975; Oregon's Outstanding Educator—Statesman Award, 1975; Oregon League of Cities "Friend of Cities Award, 2005; NW Senior and Disability Services Advocacy Award, 2018

Ralph passed away on June 1, 2022, losing a dogged fight to cancer. He is survived by his wife, Sharon; daughter Hilary Groener; son Chris Groener; and granddaughter Cassidy Hedger and her husband, Corey Hedger. Ralph is also survived by hundreds of his union brothers and sisters, friends and colleagues from the political and legislative world. I mourn with them on his passing.

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HONORING GREGORY JOHNSON  
FOR CARIBBEAN HERITAGE  
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**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 24, 2022*

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Dr. Gregory K. Johnson is an educator, leader, and technologist in Central Florida. He was born in Montego Bay, Jamaica and currently serves as pro gram director and tenured professor for Digital Media Technology at Polk State College in Polk County, Florida. He earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Education from the University of Central Florida, a master's degree from Southern Illinois University, and bachelor's and associate degrees from Saint Louis Christian College.

At UCF, Johnson was a member of and served as historian for the AACTE Holmes Scholars® program, participated in the Summer Policy Institute in Washington, D.C., and received UCF's Graduate Provost's and Dean's Fellowships. As an instructional technologist, he created multimedia content for the U.S. Marines and course modules for a National Science Foundation grant.

At Polk State College, he overhauled the digital media program, created new degree and multimedia options, and hired lab staff to provide instructional support to students. For